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Whatever my son did to  
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 or Mr Du. Bois he is willing  
 to apologize, both to you & to  
 them & trust your forgiveness.

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 the number of complaints he  
 has made to you, many of  
 them were trivial & just such

mischief as young men of his  
 age, are liable to do in  
 thoughtlessness - I know it  
 was not done through any  
 disrespect to Mr Eckfeldt  
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 looked up to them with the  
 greatest admiration; - for his  
 folly, he has suffered suffic-  
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 told me had only been  
 within the last few months -  
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 in love & with the thought of  
 getting married in his head  
 no doubt was the cause  
 of this trouble - Now Mr  
 Fox you were going once



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 suffered well for his thoughtless-  
 -ness & it will be the lesson  
 of his life.

I come to you now Mr Fox,  
 in all humbleness that a mother  
 can for her boy - to beg of you  
 to grant me one request & it  
 is this - will you not reinstate  
my son for one month - give  
him one more chance? if he does  
not do his duty, if he disobeys  
one order that is given him  
 by Mr Eckfeldt or Mr DuBois  
then discharge him on the  
moment & I will never  
 ask you to reinstate him  
 again - You have shown  
 mercy to others & will you  
 not show mercy in this

case? I will pledge myself  
 responsible for any mistake  
 he may chance to make as I  
 told you before I would do.  
 I believe & feel there never  
 will be a cause for complaint  
 again if you will only let him  
 back. If you could only know  
 how utterly crushed his young  
 heart is you would be too  
 ready to forgive him I feel  
 sure. I feel I am making  
 my appeal to a father & that  
 you have mercy in your heart for  
 the young.

Pray do this for your many  
 friends who have kindly inter-  
 luded themselves in our behalf  
 & for a Mother & God will reward  
 you for your goodness

Respectfully Yours  
 R. A. Bainbridge



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Hon Samuel J Randall

Dear Sir

Enclose a letter  
that I found waiting for me  
when I returned home from Col.  
A. Gordon Snowden - please  
read it carefully & return it to  
me as it is an important  
letter for my son to vindicate  
himself against the shameful  
charges made by Mr Eicksteadt.  
Now there are two or <sup>three</sup> other facts  
I want to impress upon your  
mind before you see Mr  
Fox - first of all is, when  
my son left school I placed

in the assay department to  
see if he was competent  
& he gave six months  
of his time to the government  
without one penny before he  
rec'd his appointment - I had  
the assurance from both  
Ex Atty. & General Brewster  
& Col. Snowden that the position  
was for life. & for this reason  
he made it a study & a  
profession - five years of his  
life has been devoted to this  
study - & now Mr Fox turns  
him out to put some one  
else in his place - & for  
this reason alone these  
cruel charges have been  
trumped up by Eckfeldt  
so as to give ~~Mr~~ Fox an



Excuse to discharge him - 7 months  
before these charges were made  
Eckfeldt - gave him the best  
recommendation for ability &  
deportment - & you will also note  
what Col Snowden says about  
the same. But Mr Fox  
& Eckfeldt positively refuse  
to give Mr Fox a chance  
to vindicate himself from  
the crime charges.

Another thing Mr Randal  
please remember. Never in  
the history of the U States  
Mint - has there been a  
discharge in the assay  
department before! when  
Gov. Pollock took charge of  
the Mint after the war he  
discharged very many men  
except those in the

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one was discharged there  
 all this can be given by you  
 to Mr Fox for reasons for his  
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 I have offered to give Mr  
 Fox bonds for twenty thousand  
dollars - securing him from  
 all grief - what more does  
 he want? Mr Fox seems  
 determined to rob the boy  
 of his peace & cast him out  
 with his future blighted he  
 is married & has no other  
 means of a living that what  
 he has learned in the last  
 five years at his profession  
 Now Mr Randall please  
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justice given to my boy &  
You never will regret it.

Mr Eckfeldt - the chief -  
assayer is doing everything  
he can against my son to  
please Mr Fox. This man  
is a Republican & will  
do anything to keep his  
own place - My son is  
perfectly willing to work &  
& Mr Fox is determined  
to put him out of the assay  
Department. Can you not  
secure for him some other  
position by which he can  
make a living?

Have you received any  
answer from the letter you  
wrote to Mr Fox asking him  
not to appoint any one

in his place unless you could  
see him?

Anything you write to me  
in reference to the matter  
will be strictly confidential  
& if you wish I will return  
all your letters after reading  
or so to assure you  
they never could fall  
into other hands

Respectfully Yours  
R. A. Brinker

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R. A. Brinckle.

Relative to her  
sons dismissal.

Recd. June 16

[Letter One:]

[Abstract:] Relative to her sons dismissal.

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[Letter Two:]

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